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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 August 2009.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 17,18,20,24,31 and 33-43 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 17,18,20,24 and 31,33-43 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
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DETAILED ACTION

Applicant's arguments filed 8/25/09 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Previous rejections/issues not addressed below have been withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 17,18,20,24,31 and 33-43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mainfisch et al (USPN 5852012; 12/22/98) and The Agrochemical Handbook A0891 / Aug 91. Mainfisch teaches an insecticidal composition comprising compounds 1.2 and 1.4 in Table 1 (see column 20 Table 1) which are equivalent to instant compounds A.1 and A.3. Mainfisch teaches that compositions comprising the compounds are made by combining the compounds with auxiliaries and optionally other actives. See column 15 lines 52-58, column 17 lines 50-67. Mainfisch teaches a method of controlling insects comprising applying the compounds to the pests (insects), crop, seed, foliage, and soil. See column 18 lines 12-49, column 13 line 35 – column 15 line 37. Mainfisch does not teach the composition or method comprising abamectin. However, The Agrochemicals Handbook teaches that abamectin is an insecticide and that abamectin is applied to crops and binds to soils in order to control insects. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify the invention taught by Mainfisch to include the abamectin taught by The Agrochemical Handbook. One

would have been motivated to do this since each reference has the same utility, i.e. each reference discloses insecticidal inventions and since Mainfisch welcomes the addition of auxiliaries and other actives. It is automatic that Mainfisch's modified method would control insects since like instant invention the same active step of applying the composition to seed and plants is recited.

Response to Applicant's amendment

Applicants argue that amended claims 17,20,33 and 36 are drawn to the control of "insects". On the other hand, Tables 2d and 2e contain data for the control of *Tetranychus urticae* species which are not insects. Accordingly, the data in Tables 2d and 2e are not relevant to claim 33 and claims dependent thereon. The Examiner would like to point out that claim 33 is drawn to a composition, and therefore, a statement of utility (control of insects) has not patentable significance. For this reason, the Examiner believes that the present claim amendments do not render the instant claims unobvious over Mainfisch. The declarations filed contain mixed results, i.e. both synergistic and antagonistic, in Tables 2a, 2b, 2c (corrected), 2d and 2e for a combination of abamectin and thiamethoxam

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the

shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Telephonic Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alton N. Pryor whose telephone number is 571-272-0621. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Johann Richter can be reached on 571-272-0646. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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